

REMARKS

Claims 8,10, 11, and 13-40 are pending in the application. Applicants thank Examiner Mahoney for the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 8, 10, 11, and 13-29. Claims 30-40 have been rejected. Claims 30, 33, and 37 are amended, which amendments are supported by the specification at least at page 2, line 25, - page 3, line 3, and by Fig. 1. Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 30-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kubo (U.S. Pub. No. 20020122378). Applicants traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

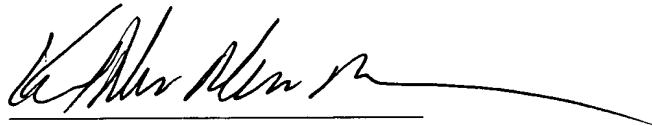
Independent claims 30, 33, and 37, from which all other rejected claims depend, recite the digital image storage disk has a first surface, a second surface, and an inner ring, which recitation is supported by the specification at least at page 2, line 25, - page 3, line 3, and by Fig. 1. It is further recited in the claims that positive images are provided on a first portion of the second surface of the digital image storage disk, and indicia is provided on a second portion of the second surface of the digital image storage disk.

Kubo discloses a disk having a digital data recording surface on the rear side (par. 0031) and a surface for recordation of images (par. 0054). The printing of human-readable images on the CD face as shown in Fig. 1 is described in pars. 0054 and 0055. There is no mention or suggestion of printing indicia on the CD face in the specification. Further, although Fig. 1 of Kubo shows indicia, as recognized by the Examiner at page 4 of the Office Action, in Kubo it is "inner ring with "NEGA-INDEX" printed thereon in figure 1 which is provided with indicia." Thus, Kubo does not disclose, suggest, or teach indicia on a surface of a digital image storage disk that is not an inner ring. For at least the above reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection over Kubo of claims 30-40 are in order and are respectfully solicited.

Applicants submit all of claims 8,10, 11, and 13-40 are in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons. Reconsideration and prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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